THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tuesday, the 3rd July 1962.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, the Deputy Chairman (SRI V. K. PALANISWAMY GOUNDER) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Sokkiswarar temple at Kancheepuram

* 73 *Q.*—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the steps, if any, taken by the Government for the restoration and conservation for posterity of the Sokkiswarar temple at Kancheepuram, Chingleput district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Arrangements are being made for integrating this temple as a sub-temple of Sri Kamakshiamman temple, Kancheepuram. The Assistant Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments, Kancheepuram, has been instructed to see that poojas are performed properly and to attend to the repair of the temple and construction of a compound wall for the temple.

Training schools at Mannargudi

* 74 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases in which the salaries of the secondary grade teachers were reduced in the training schools at Mannargudi, Thanjavur district, in 1958;

(*b*) the amount of reduction in salaries; and

(*c*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) One, Sir.

(*b*) Rs. 11 per mensem.

(*c*) The pay of the teacher, which was originally Rs. 68 per mensem was refixed by the management at Rs. 57 from 1st July 1958, and it was reported that she was entitled to Rs. 57 only, with reference to her previous service in training school.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it not a fact that that teacher was given due weightage and drawn from some municipality to that private institution on that guarantee?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, do the Government justify the reduction of a teacher's salary while in service for no fault of his? What action do the Government propose to take in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I can say only this much, Sir. The Government do not find any reason to interfere in this matter.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware, Sir, that there are many such instances and have the Government any proposal to make a rule that a teacher should not be paid less than what is stipulated in the service register?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

Old Law College Police station site

* 75 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the purpose for which the old Law College Police station site will be utilized?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The old Law College Police station site will be utilized for the construction of a Khadi Emporium.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the area of that site, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no such particulars with me, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What is the amount that the Government are going to spend to erect the building for the Khadi Emporium?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The cost of the building is estimated at Rs. 18,80,000. The Government will give this as a loan.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : When there is so much dearth of open places in the City of Madras, is it proper on the part of the Government to make use of it for erecting a shop for khadi?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : If a shop is necessary even for khadi, that can be erected only in an open place.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Can it not be used as a bus-stand, when there is so much congestion in the bus-stand nearby?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Whatever sites are required for the bus-stand, they can be found elsewhere.